

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 22 and 23, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Carey et al. Claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Accordingly, claim 17 and its dependent claims 18-23 are now believed to be allowable.

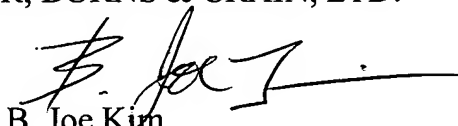
New claim 24 relates to a magnetic storage apparatus similar to claim 17 and also includes the features of allowable claim 22. New claim 25 describes the combined features of claims 17 and 22 in a method format. Accordingly, new claims 24 and 25 are both believed to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments to the claims, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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